



ANSWERS

1. Gold is a symbol of something precious and valuable. When things first start to become green again in the spring, it symbolizes rebirth and new life which are also precious, and thus *gold*.
2. Because that stage of growth – the first green in the spring – goes by the most quickly.
3. No, he is once again emphasizing that the first growth of spring passes quickly.
4. Impermanence; things in life change very quickly.
5. Frost makes references to Eden ending sadly—it *sank to grief*—and every day passing quickly—*So dawn goes down to day*—and then he repeats the title in the final line—*Nothing gold can stay*.